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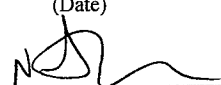
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Nathan S. Smith, Reg. No. 53,615**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

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Dear Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Restriction Requirement of August 29, 2007. In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner restricted the claims as being directed to four patentably distinct species having representative figures of Figure 1, Figure 6, Figure 14, and Figure 15. The Examiner required Applicants to elect a single disclosed species.

In response, Applicants hereby elect Figure 1 (species I) for prosecution without traverse. Claims 16-23 and 39 correspond to the elected figure. Applicants believe that Claim 16 is generic. Accordingly, Claims 40-48 are withdrawn from consideration. Please charge any additional fees, including any fees for additional extension of time, or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 11-1410.

Respectfully submitted,

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